Darcy Haugan

Victim Impact Statement Christina Haugan

I am truly not sure how to articulate into sentences how the collision April 6 has made an impact on our lives because in reality there isn't any way it hasn't had an impact.

I choose the word collision intentionally as I believe an accident to be something that was circumstances beyond our control and as such not preventable. Jaskirat you had control that day.....had you chosen to stop or even slow down so many lives would be different today, yours and your family included. I respect the fact you have plead guilty, I do not however believe that waives consequences for actions.

I have 2 children. Your actions on April 6 took their father.....it took my husband....it took our main wage earner. Everything about our lives changed in that one instant you made the decision to ignore a stop sign.

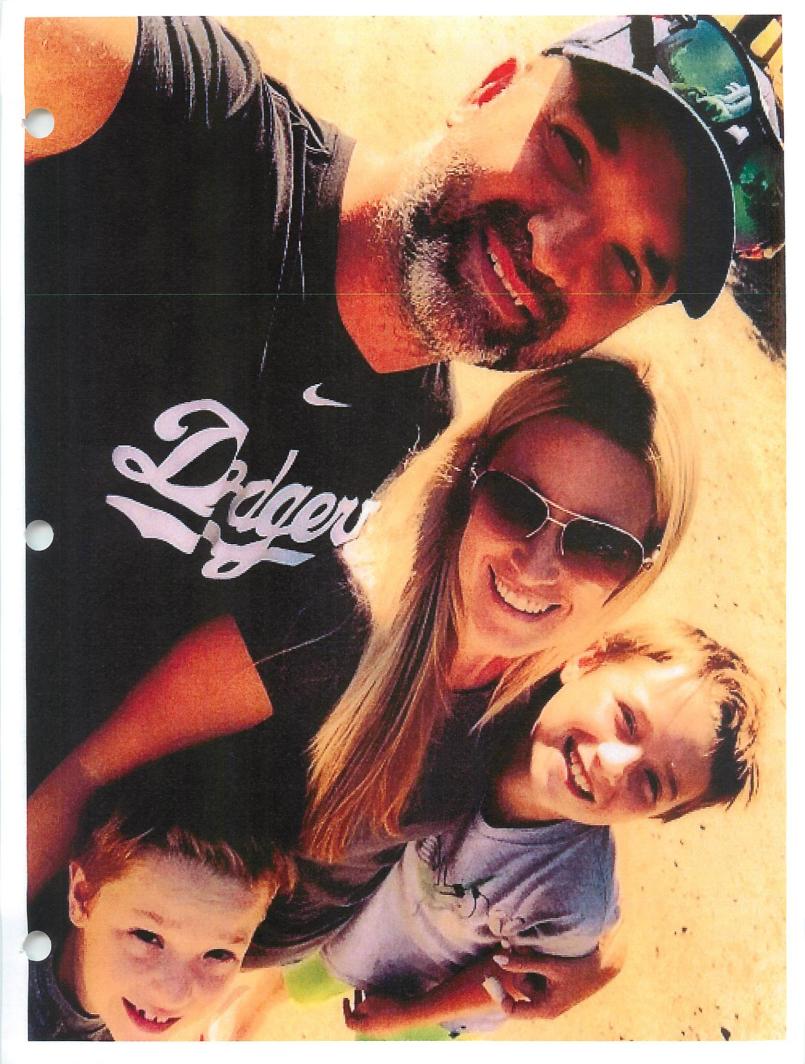
We struggle every single day to get out of bed and go about our day. My two boys have no incredible, loving, strong male influence in their lives anymore. They have no one to offer the guidance of a father, no support in their school and sports. The hole their dads death leaves in their lives is something that will never ever be filled with anything and will never completely heal. Their dad will never see them graduate, never cheer them and support them at another hockey game, never see them get married or get to hold their children.

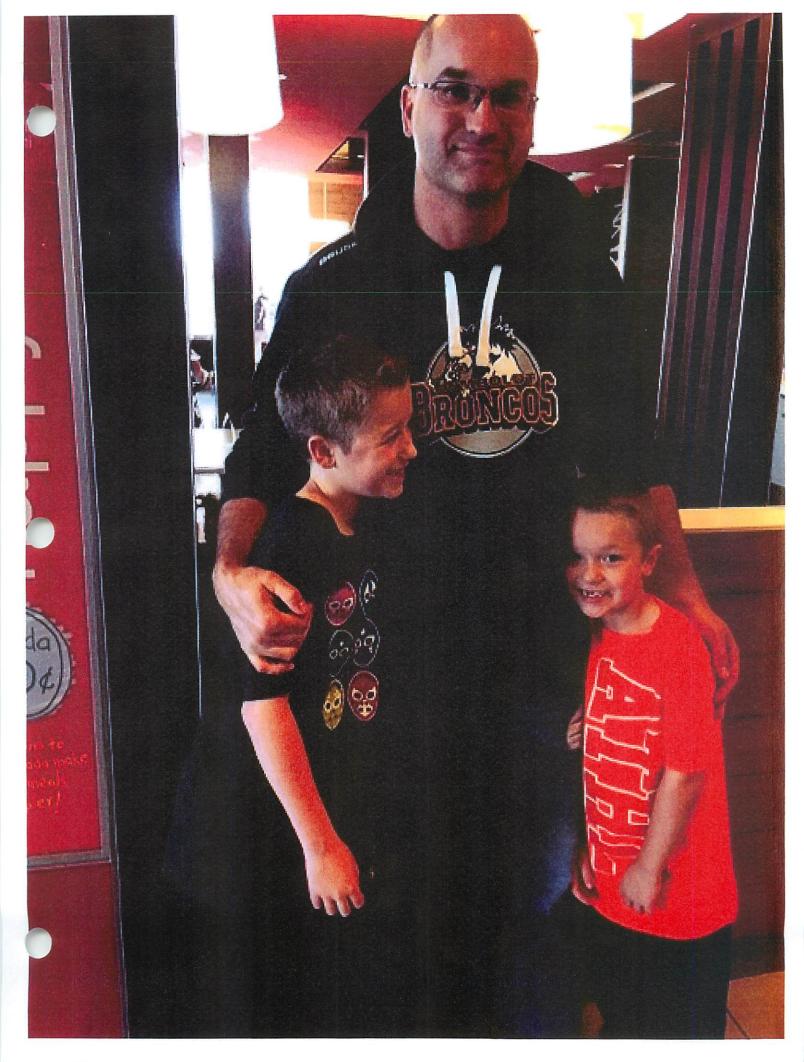
Your actions on April 6 took my husband. I have no support in raising my children. No one to help me, support me, take care of me, to walk through life with me and love me. Our family has also been left without any regular income as Darcy was the main wage earner in our household and I also was employed by the Humboldt Broncos and was unable to return to that job.

Jaskitat your actions while I believe to not be intentional we're still incredibly negligent and irresponsible while you held a weapon in your hands in the form of a steering wheel.

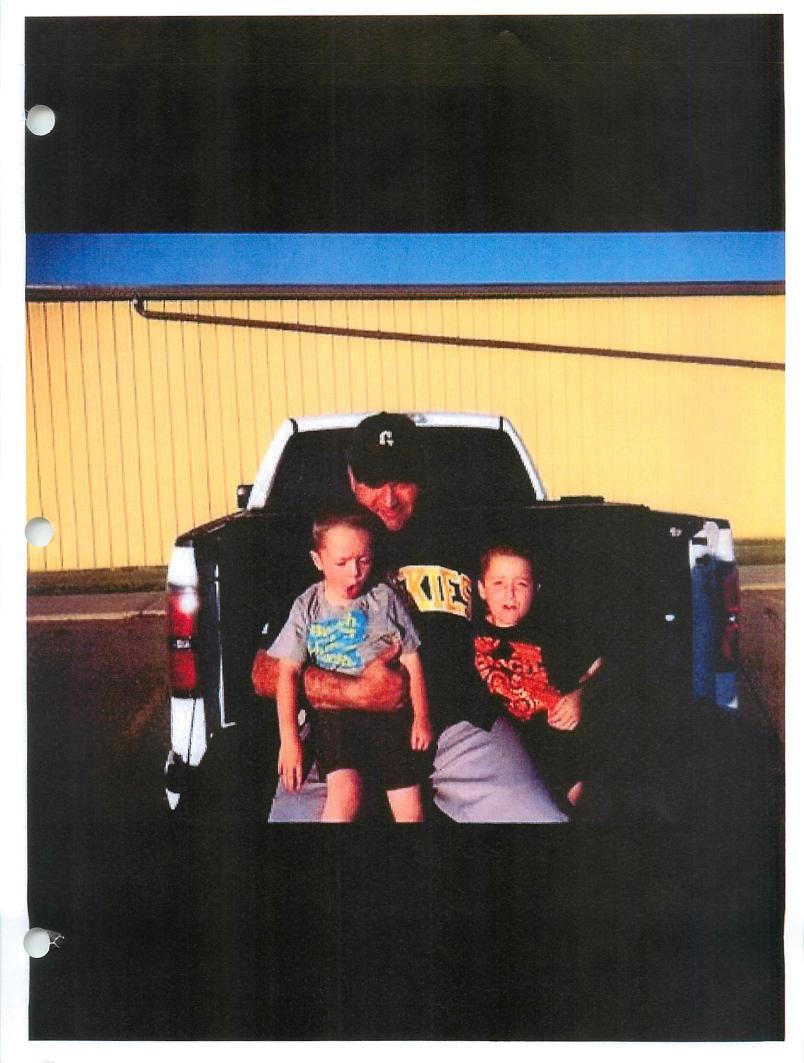
In reality no sentence will be adequate for what you have done. My husband was a Godly man and a man of faith. As I sat down to write this statement and I wrote out that sentence; all I could think of is that Darcy would have said that we are all here on earth undeserving of forgiveness and that it is only because God sent his son to die for our sins that we are here. So while your actions on April 6 have impacted our entire family as we are missing a husband, a father, a son, a brother, a brother-in-law, an uncle, a cousin, a friend and a coach, I want to tell you that I forgive you. There are days while the unjustness and sadness and anger are definitely still there but I have been forgiven for things when I didn't deserve it and so I will do the same.

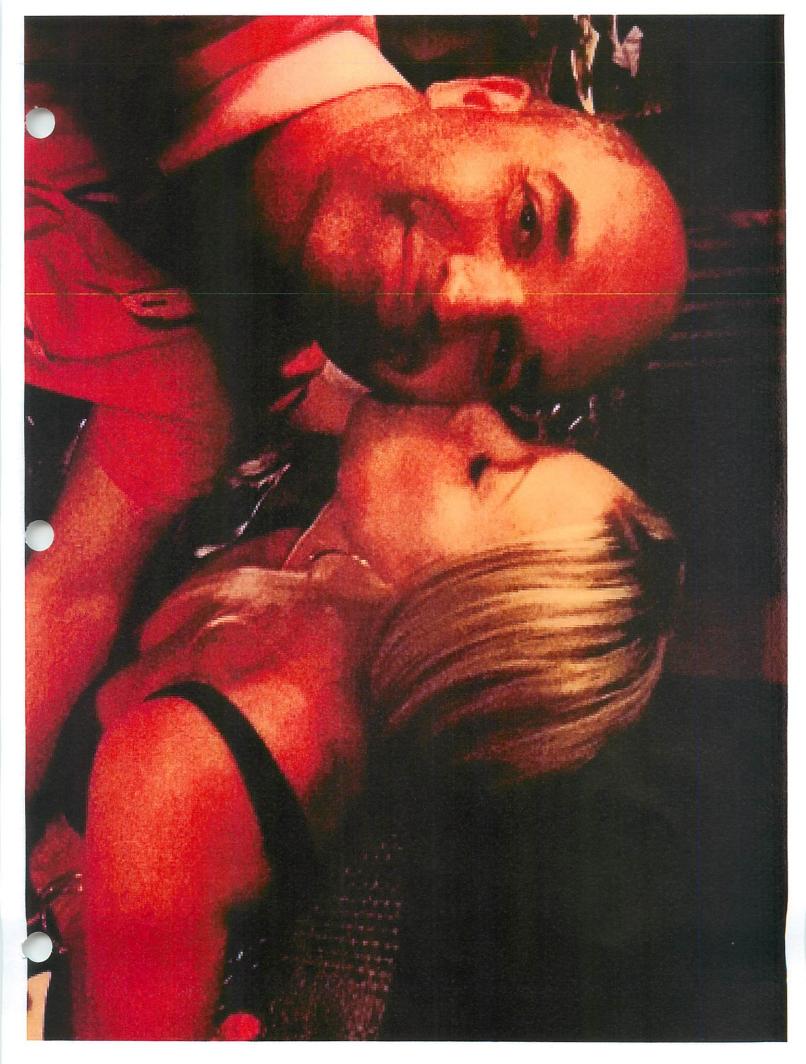
The court will decide the repercussions for your actions but I personally hope you learn what you can about the victims because there was so many incredible people on that bus one being my amazing husband and my kids dad. If you ever want to know about my husband Darcy Haugan, you ask me because there isn't one person that isn't better off in this world having known him.











On the evening of April 6th, our family was irrevocably changed with the loss of our only son, Darcy Haugan. Our daughter lost her only sibling. Our loss is felt so deeply and so profoundly that it is impossible to share adequately in this forum. It is enough to say that we carry our grief with every breath that we take. There is no part of our world that has not been impacted by losing Darcy.

We know that you did not wake up that morning with the intention of harming others. Just as we did not know that when we wished our son good luck at the game that evening that it would be our last good bye.

Darcy was the kind of man who never held a grudge. He always chose to see the good in things and in people. The attitude Darcy held in life came from his deep faith in a loving and forgiving God who gave His own Son, Jesus to die and be raised to life again, so that we could be forgiven. Even though Darcy is no longer with us, we choose to honour his memory by extending the grace, compassion and forgiveness that he would have offered to you. And by doing so, we honour our ultimate example, Jesus Christ.

Forgiveness is possible when we acknowledge the wrongs that have been committed and submit ourselves to the justice and mercy offered to us by our Heavenly Father. You have acknowledged your part in this tragedy and are submitting yourself to the justice and mercy of the court system. For that we are grateful and can sincerely say that because we have been forgiven much by our Father in Heaven, we can extend that same forgiveness to you here on earth.

It is in the light of the hope and peace offered to us by Jesus that we stand here today. We pray also that you will find the hope and peace that only He can bring to us on our darkest days. And it is this hope we offer to you today. We can do this because His hope is as tremendous as it is profound. We know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Darcy is in heaven with his Saviour and that we will see him there again one day. On that day, all our tears will be wiped away and our hearts will finally be mended.